

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: SPITSBERG, et al.)
Serial No: 09/943,782) Security Group
Filed: 08/31/01) Licensing & Review
For: Fabrication of an Article having a)
Thermal Barrier Coating System,)
and the Article)

Asst. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D C 20231

DECLARATION UNDER SECTION 305(C) OF THE
NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ACT OF 1958

We, Irene Spitsberg and Robert William Bruce, do hereby declare the following to the best of our knowledge and belief;

That we are the inventors of the invention described and claimed in the above-referenced U.S. Patent Application;

That the invention set forth in the above-referenced U.S. Patent Application was made in the course of our employment with General Electric Company, the assignee of the subject invention, using only the resources of the General Electric Company, including, for example, its funds, facilities, equipment, materials, information and services;

That the invention set forth in the above-referenced U.S. Patent Application was not first conceived, first built or first successfully tested in accordance with any work under any contract of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and does not have any known relationship to the performance of any work under any contract of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration;

That we signed this declaration on the date we signed the formal papers accompanying the filing of the above-referenced U.S. Patent Application with the understanding that the General Electric Company would later insert the appropriate serial number and filing date hereinabove before submitting this Declaration to the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office;

That all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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